

Mass Times**Tuesday/Wednesday****6:30pm****Thursday/Friday****8:00am**

**Funeral Masses will
take the place of
daily Masses.**

Saturday: 5:00pm**Sunday:**

8:00am, 11:00am

2:00pm Spanish Mass

Holy Days:

Vigil 7:00pm

Holy Day: 8:00am

**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:00pm—
4:30pm

Or by appointment

Baptism

To schedule a
baptism and to make
arrangements for a
baptism preparation
session (required for
all) please contact the
parish office at
982.4891. Please
check our website
(www.stjudejax.com)
under "Sacraments"
for some very
important
information!

Marriage

In addition to some
critically important
steps noted on our
parish website
(www.stjudejax.com)
under "Sacraments,"
our Diocese has set a
required period of at
least six months of
preparation between
setting a wedding
date and the wedding
ceremony itself.
Please check our
website and call the
office (982.4891)
before setting any
dates or making any
plans.

Office Hours

8:30am-4:30pm Monday through Thursday

8:30am-12:00pm Friday

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Third Sunday of Advent**December 17, 2017****Deacons:**

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Welcome to

ST. JUDE *the* APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome! If you are a visitor to St. Jude's, we want you to know you are

Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Observances for the Week of December 17, 2017

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Friday:

Saturday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

Please keep in your prayers, Alex Smith, our seminarian. Sister Judith Timmerman, is also from our parish and is at St. Scholastica Convent in Fort Smith, teaching Kindergarten. She is also preparing 4th and 5th graders for First Reconciliation and First Communion and is lector for the Spanish Mass at St. Boniface in Fort Smith.

Prayer for Missionaries in America

Dear Lord, We pray for those who work among poor and isolated communities across America, bearing witness to the life of Christ in a thousand different ways. Give them wisdom, courage and joy in their generous ministry. AMEN

Sick or Homebound

If you have a family member who is ill, in the hospital, or homebound who would like to receive communion, **please have a family member** call the office at 982.4891. We will arrange for one of our many wonderful people to come and visit and bring communion.

Saturday, December 16

5:00pm Mass Lee Sobba+

Sunday, December 17

8:00am Mass Parishioners

11:00am Mass Pauline Smith+

2:00pm Mass Priest Intention

Tuesday, December 19

6:00pm NO MASS Penance Service Christ the King 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 20

6:00pm Mass Fr. Gregory Hart+

Thursday, December 21

8:00am Mass Mary Henning+

Friday, December 22

8:00am Mass Father Gregory Hart+

Saturday, December 23

5:00pm Mass Lee Sobba+

Sunday, December 24

8:00am Mass Parishioners

11:00am Mass Prosie Hayes+

2:00pm Mass Priest Intention

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday, December 18

7:00pm Vincentian Small Groups

Tuesday, December 19

6:30pm Penance Service @ Christ the King Little Rock

6:30pm Cub Scouts

6:30pm Rosary

6:30pm Discovering Gods Will

Wednesday, December 20

10:00am Scripture Study

5:00pm Choir Practice (Saturday choir 5pm)

7:00pm Choir Practice (Sunday choir 8am)

7:00pm RCIA—Prayer/Rosary—Ann Gallegos

Thursday, December 21

9:00am Discovering God's Will

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:00pm Biblical Roots of the Mass

Friday, December 22

10:00am Queen Bee Quilters

7:00pm Benediction/ Adoration

Sunday, December 24

8:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

2:00pm Mass

5:00pm Christmas Mass

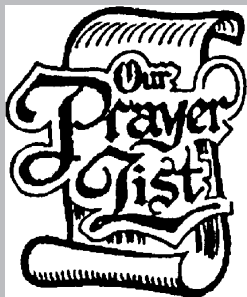
11:30pm Caroling

12:00am Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25 OFFICE CLOSED

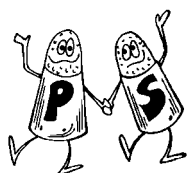
10:00am Christmas Day Mass

2:00pm Christmas Spanish Mass



Bill Aldrich, John Aldrich, Jennifer Anderson, Brother Andrew, Spencer Aydeot, Paul Avaltroni, Priscilla Baltazar, Andrea Bistrain, Misty Brazzell, Lisa Buckner, Rayeigh Butrand, Natalio Carrillo, Michael Carter, Christina Carver, John Claude, Evelyn Cook, Charles

Delorenzo, Emily Downs, Dick Dworshak, Terry Franks, Bill Garner, Misty Gay, Betty Gibson, Michael Gilbert, Elsa Gillan, Vicki Gold, Jerry Grimley, Susan Hall, Mike Hargrove, Helmut Herm, Hibbard Family, Edna Hill, Cindy Houston, Robert Houston, Louise Hubbard, Joey Hunter, Jill Jamell, Dylan Jeffrey, Angelita Jessee, Mickey Kamer, Rebecca Kendall, Joceyln Kennedy, Melinda King, Rudy Kurz, Norma Laberde, Ariel Leach, Carla Lewis, A.J. Lowry, Ruth Lowry, Carol Lloyd, Joan Lowry, Lisa Luckett, Jean Luman, Joshua Luker, Patrick Mackey, Ricky Mahfouz, Sheila Mason, Al Manning, Henry McFalls, Sally G. Menke, Steve Menke, Tim Menke, William Mergenschroer, Carol Miller, Susie Mitchell, Greyson Moore, Sandra Morris, Bridgette Mucha, Bob Nawrocki, Ronald Neumeier, Jeffery Nordmeyer, Cindy Nunez, Penny Olive, Tom Pack, J. W. Palmer, Grace Phillips, Mary Pickels, Erine Rabino, Jeff Rauber, Benjamin Ramirez, Sue Riley, Mark Rivard, Jerry Robbins, Emma Roberts, Dawn Robnett, Mary Robnett, Cissy Rodriguez, Beverly Saltz, Mary Anne Schulke, Piper Scott, Linda Seidl, Jeremy Sheeran, Joe Schilling, Tom Shaw, Tina Simone, Dan Smith, Donna Solenner, Maria Stewart, Patsy Strode, Mary Suiter, Patrick Testa, Verna Thompson, Joann Thornburg, Walter Townes, Judy Vaulner, Brandon Weisenfels, Charles Whitaker, Tammy Davidson Williams, Patricia Wilson, Xander Wolford.



Join Us for Pot Luck!

The Senior pot luck will be held Jan. 8, 2018 in the Parish hall at 11:30. This is a regular pot luck With A-C bringing Desserts, D-O casseroles and P-Z vegetables or salads. We will be playing card bingo so bring Your white elephant gifts wrapped. There will be two door prizes. Hope to see you all in 2018.

JERICO WAY

Jericho Way is in Need of Nutritious food, shower supplies and toilet paper, and cleaning supplies. Office 3000 Springer Blvd. Little Rock, AR 72206, 501.916.9859 or contact Kathy Tatus 501.247.7285 (Jericho Way NO LONGER NEEDS LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT)

DEPLOYED

If you know of anyone who is deployed please call the office so we can add them to the list. Thank you **MSG John Paul Jebb, Blake Thomas, Major David A. Vasquez, John Benson, Tech Sgt. Ross Stegner, James Gray, Major Kate Hyrnyk, Commander David Sobba**

ORGANIZATIONS

Altar & Rosary	Kathryn Fairchild	690.3875
CYM	Paula Price	551.1873
JRCYM	Paula Price	551.1873
Knights of Columbus	John Red Smith	628.7980
Ladies of the Knights	Ruth Adams	843.3392
Senior Citizen	Donna Aldrich	772.2098

ATTENDANCE

December 9/10 Will be in Next weeks Bulletin

5:00pm
8:00am
11:00am
2:00pm

STEWARDSHIP

December 9/10

Stewardship: \$

Second Collection: \$

WeShare: \$

Stewardship: The regular parish budget for 2017/2018 anticipates a weekly offering of approximately \$13,000 for the regular operation of the ministry of St. Jude's. May God continue to bless you for your faithful stewardship.

Ignatian Retreat Opportunity—Deepen your friendship with the Lord in sacred stillness & quiet. Experience an Ignatian Silent Directed Retreat at St. John's Center, Little Rock. The retreat begins Thursday, March 15 with dinner at 6:00 pm and ends Sunday, March 18 after lunch. A cost of \$300.00 includes 3 night accommodations, 9 meals, and daily individual sessions with a retreat director. For details see the announcement on the bulletin board or contact the Vocations Office at 501-664-0340 ext. 337. Registration forms are available at www.dolr.org. Limited spaces are available.

St. Joseph's Helpers

St. Joseph's Helpers-Donation box located in the Parish Hall. SJH/Arkansas Pregnancy Resource Center is a nonprofit agency to help enable abortion minded clients to make informed lifelong decisions for their baby and themselves. We, at St. Jude's, have a collection box (labeled ST. JOSEPH). Please be generous with donations such as diapers, crib sheets, baby clothes (up to size 2T), diaper ointment etc. The APRC staff greatly appreciates your heartfelt donations by material or monetary assistance (Mail monetary gifts to: APRC, 3 Office Park Dr., Ste. 101, Little Rock, AR 72211.

Jacksonville Care Channel

The Jacksonville Care Channel is in need of rice, dried beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereal, canned meat, and crackers.

Religious Give thanks. A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection

"Euthanasia and assisted suicide are never acceptable acts of mercy. They always gravely exploit the suffering and desperate, extinguishing life in the name of the 'quality life' itself."

St. John Paul II

La eutanasia y el suicidio asistido nunca son aceptables como actos de Misericordia. Siempre explotan gravemente a los que sufren y están desesperados, extinguendo la vida en nombre de la "calidad de vida"

Papa Juan Pablo II

P R E /CYM/Adult Ed

Adult Faith Formation:

Save the date for a new study to begin in January 2018. The program will consist of the study of Dr. Scott Hahn's book "A Father Keeps His Promises" This study is about the covenants of God with his people from the Israelites to the present day. . If you are interested in signing up or need more information, please contact Peggy Wilson at 258-8417 or Ann Blaylock 580-6859

The collection at all masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirmed priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted servants, doing God's work and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests' retirement possible. Please share with them the generosity that they continue to share with us.

La colección a todas de las masas en Nochebuena y Navidad será para el Bienestar de Clero Fundo. Esto fundo provee retiro y cuida de salud beneficios a el retirado y enfermizo sacerdotes alrededor nuestro diócesis. Nuestros sacerdotes pasan cada día de sus vidas adultas como sirvientes humildes y dedicados, haciendo el trabajo de Dios y nos sirva hasta edad o enfermedad llama al retirado. Sus contribuciones a el Bienestar de Clero Fundo hacen posible el retirado de nuestros sacerdotes. Por favor se comparte con ellos, la generosidad que ellos continúan a compartir con nuestros.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES:

Couples..... want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is in Subiaco, Arkansas, February 9-11, 2018. Space is limited. Apply online at www.arkansaswwme.org/apply. For more information call Ben & Leah Brewer at [501-733-1235](tel:501-733-1235) or email apply@arkansaswwme.org.



Vive siempre enamorado de tu esposa/o como cuando se conocieron! Juntos pueden ser y hacer la diferencia! "Ama sin condición y entrega todo"

¡Jesús Quiere entrar en tu vida dé jalo entrar no te arrepentirás!

Vive un Encuentro Matrimonial el 9, 10 y 11 de febrero de 2018. Para más información o para registrarse, llama a Adrián y Reyna Alvarez [\(773\) 213-9593](tel:773-213-9593) o [870-642-2256](tel:870-642-2256). Favor de registrarse antes de febrero 5, 2018.

Encuentro Matrimonial is Marriage Encounter in Spanish and is a program of 44 hours in which couples can leave work, children, housework, and telephone in order to focus only on each other. If you are looking to grow in your relationship, to make it more profound and to enrich it, then you will like the difference that a weekend of Worldwide Marriage Encounter can make in your lives. For more information or registration, call [870-642-2256](tel:870-642-2256) or [\(773\) 213-9593](tel:773-213-9593). Registration deadline February 5, 2018

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING
OF SCRIPTURE

December 17, 2017 3rd Sunday of Advent

"There is one ... coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." Untying sandal straps was no prestigious job. In the days of John the Baptist, those straps would have been especially unpleasant to deal with. Besides the usual odors that accompany sockless leather footwear, there would have been the grime and dirt from the sandy roads and paths that swirled around the people who went everywhere on foot. Taking off someone's shoes upon their arrival was the task of the lowly servants. So when John says he's unworthy of doing this task for the "one who is coming after me," he is putting himself in a very humble position. And rightly so.

John realizes that the Christ-the Anointed One, the Messiah-is so far above him, so far above any of us, that we are truly unworthy of him. Indeed, the Son of God is not just the greatest of men; he is God-made-man and in his presence we most appropriately should bow in humble homage. Yet this God chose to stoop down to our human level and walk among us. He chose to get his sandals dirty. And still today he chooses to allow us to encounter him as a friend and companion.

But as John reminds us by his example, this encounter with the Lord is not the result of our own merits or accomplishments. We are sinners who stand in need of Christ's help. But thanks be to God, he is always willing to extend this help to us. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy." Indeed it is God who does the perfecting, not us by our own power. So let us approach the Lord this Advent season with a spirit of hopeful humility, trusting that God alone can make us worthy of welcoming his Son.



There is someone who needs a ride in Jacksonville, she has just moved into the area and lives on Hospital Drive across from the Towers. If you can help please call the office 501.982.4891



Do you need a new rosary? A gift for a special occasion? Check out the Altar and Rosary Cabinet in the Parish Hall.



DATE CHANGE FOR DECEMBER MEETING!

The St. Dymphna Mental Health Support Group will meet **Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00**. Please contact Rebecca Cargile at 501-664-0340 x 355, or email rcargile@dolr.org if you have any questions.



Parish News



Would you like to have flowers placed at the altar in the sanctuary on weekends in memory of a loved one? If you are interested in doing so, please contact the church office at 501.982.4891. The donation to cover the weekly expense of placing the flowers is \$100. The name(s) of the person(s) you are remembering will be placed in each week's bulletin on the week the flowers are placed.



BINGO

BINGO! In the Parish Hall

1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month After 5:00pm Mass.



Saint Jude's Prayer Shawl ministry is here to support those healing, going through surgery, or mourning the loss of a loved one. Please contact us if you or someone you know would like a prayer shawl. Shawls are crafted with love and prayers and blessed when completed.



St Vincent's hospice residence is in need of lap robes or quilts for new patients. The center averages 44 residents per month and try to give a quilt or lap robe to everyone, but have been unable to on many occasions. If you knit, crochet or quilt would you please consider making some for those less fortunate than us? Thanks to the generosity of many parishioners St Jude's has donated over 120 quilts and lap robes already. Items can be dropped off at the church office and if you have questions please call Mary Koorstad at 982-7961



If you are not getting the EMAIL BLAST on Friday, please email us at stjudeapostle@gmail.com with your name and email.

Immaculate Conception is pleased to announce an exciting new ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. ***"Surviving Divorce"** features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing. Sessions will begin Thursday, January 18th, 2018, at 6:30pm, in Immaculata Hall. Nursery will be available. Facilitators will be Quentin & Jo Lauer. For more information please call the Church Office, 835-4323.*